

# CALIFORNIA'S PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS REPORT

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The following are estimates of acreage to be planted for harvest in 2000. These estimates are based on a survey, conducted the first two weeks of March, of more than 2,000 California farmers. The impact of weather and/or market conditions since that time is not reflected in this report.

**Cotton** - California farmers were intending to plant 800,000 acres to *Upland cotton* in 2000, a 31% increase from the acreage seeded in 1999. In addition, growers were expecting to seed 175,000 acres to *American Pima cotton* in 2000, down 27% from last year.

**Corn** - California farmers were expected to plant 560,000 acres of corn for all purposes this year, 2% more than last year.

**Oats** - Farmers in California had planted or expected to plant 265,000 acres of oats, 4% less than last year.

**Wheat** - Acreage seeded to *Winter wheat* is estimated at 500,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Another 80,000 acres have been seeded to *Durum wheat*, down 11% from 1999.

**Rice** - California farmers intended to seed rice on 565,000 acres, a 5% increase from 1999 seeded acreage. The expressed intentions were to seed 520,000 acres to *medium grain* varieties, up 9% from a year ago. *Long grain* rice acreage is forecast at 5,000 acres, unchanged from last season. *Short grain* rice planted acreage is forecast at 40,000 acres, down 33% from short grain plantings in 1999.

**Barley** - Farmers had planted or intended to plant 130,000 acres to barley, a 24% decrease from the previous year.

**Sugar Beets** - California producers intended to plant 110,000 acres of sugar beets, down 2% from the seeded acreage in 1999.

**Dry Edible Beans** - Seeding of dry edible beans was planned for 120,000 acres in California, 11% less than the 135,000 acres seeded last year.

**All Hay** - As of March 1, California producers intended to harvest hay from 1.54 million acres, down 2% from last year.